Status of independent power producers

653. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) sanctioned and awarded since 1992, State-wise and project-wise;

(b) the details of IPPs which are yet to achieve the financial closures; and

(c) the details of IPPs in generation of power which are failing to meet their given commitment and the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Utilization of hydro power potential

654. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is utilizing only 21.5 per cent of the available potential of hydro energy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the demand projections of hydro energy for next five years;

(d) whether Government have worked out any expansion of existing power generation of hydro power plants and construction of new power projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the capacities and the likely date of commencement of production at optimum level?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) As per re-assessment studies carried out by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) the exploitable hydro power potential of the country is about 1,48,700 MW. 20.3% of the hydro potential has been developed and 9.2% is under development.

(b) The details of hydro potential developed so far are given in Statement-I (*See* below).